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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apple prices were slightly lower at the Liverpool auction Wednesday, November 18, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Barreled supplies were liberal, totaling 76,000, of which 39,000 were offered at the auction. Canadian stock was plentiful. Supplies afloat are liberal. The general condition of the barrels was good. Inquiry was moderate for good fruit but low quality stock met with little interest. The light supplies of boxed apples sold at about the same prices as last week. Total supplies amounted to 10,000 boxes, of which 3,800 were offered at auction. Demand is improving for boxed stock. The condition of the fruit was good.

Supplies of pears were light and generally met with a strong demand. The condition of most lots was good. Prices were about the same as last week.

Prices paid for barreled apples at London were higher than those of last week and above those ruling at Liverpool. About 81,000 barrels of apples were offered on the London markets. Supplies afloat are liberal. Russian apples are arriving in increased quantities. There was a moderate inquiry for quality stock but poorly colored fruit is not wanted. The majority of the barrels offered for sale were tight and in good condition. Supplies of boxed stock were light. Demand was good but prices were not as high as those at Liverpool. The condition of the boxed stock was good.

There was a strong demand for the light supplies of American pears. Prices were higher than last week. The condition was good. Light supplies of California Emperor grapes were offered. Demand was moderate and the fruit in good condition. U. S. No. 1, sawdust pack, made \$2.64 to \$2.83. Supplies of Cape Cod cranberries were light and met a moderate demand. The general condition was good. The fruit sold at \$2.64 to \$2.83 per case.

The "buy Empire goods" movement has stimulated the demand for Canadian apples and accounts for the increased prices which ruled for British Columbia boxed stock at London this week. Prices, however, rather than origin of the fruit are the governing factors in the poorer districts and also outside of London. Heavy quantities of Spanish oranges are afloat for the United Kingdom. About 125,000 boxes of Jaffa oranges are expected the last of the month. Shipments of Almeria grapes are decreasing in quantity. Total shipments to date are 960,000 barrels against 726,000 last season. The quality is poor.

Arrivals of fruit this week ended Tuesday, November 17, in the United Kingdom: Apples, 258,300 barrels, 74,300 boxes, 2,200 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 22,000 boxes from the United States; grapes, 18,000 barrels from Spain and 1,600 packages from California. Expected next seven days: Apples, 202,000 barrels, 40,300 boxes, 600 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 26,000 boxes from the United States; and 1,500 packages of California grapes.

The following prices have been converted at the prevailing rates of exchange. On November 19, 1930 the rate used was \$4.86, November 11, 1931, \$3.80, and on November 18, 1931, \$3.77 to the pound.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool			London	
	1930		1931	1931	
	November 19	November 11	November 18	November 18	
APPLES	BARRELS:	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperial, Va.					
U.S. No.1, 2 inch min.....	5.72-5.96	3.41-3.79	3.30	3.87-4.24	
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.33-6.93	3.89-4.27	3.40-3.77	3.96-4.34	
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	6.57-6.93	3.79-3.89	3.40-3.68	3.77-4.15	
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	3.40-3.77	-	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	5.84-6.20	-	3.02-3.21	3.40-3.77	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	-	3.02-3.21	-	
U.S. Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min:	6.08	-	-	3.49-3.87	
Winesap, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	4.99-5.35	4.46-4.65	4.34-4.53	4.24-4.62	
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	5.84-6.08	4.46-4.83	4.34-4.53	4.15-4.53	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	4.15-4.53	3.77-4.15	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	-	3.96-4.53	-	
Stayman, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	3.79-4.17	3.40-3.77	3.96-4.34	
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	3.79-3.98	3.40-3.77	-	
U.S. Commercial 2 inch min..	5.60-5.72	-	-	3.40-3.58	
U.S. Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min..	-	-	-	3.58-3.96	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.08-6.20	-	2.64-3.02	3.49-3.87	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	-	3.40-3.77	-	
Ben Davis, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	5.12-5.84	3.89	-	3.30-3.40	
Baldwin, N.Y.					
Comb.U.S. No. 1 and Com. 2 in:	-	-	-	3.02-3.21	
" " " " " " " 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in:	-	-	3.02-3.40	3.11-3.30	
Utility, 2 inch min.....	-	-	2.64	-	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	2.83-3.02	-	
BOXES:					
Jonathans, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	-	2.26-2.36	
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	2.36	
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	-	2.07-2.17	
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	2.17	
Delicious, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	-	2.07-2.26	
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	2.07-2.26	
Newtowns, Oregon					
Extra Fancy 138/163.....	-	-	2.55	-	
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	3.47-3.53	2.84-3.03	2.78-3.02	-	
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	3.10-3.28	2.56-2.65	2.64-2.74	2.36	
Fancy 150/175.....	3.16-3.28	2.70-2.84	2.64-2.83	-	
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.86-2.92	2.46-2.61	2.36-2.50	2.17	
Winter Banana, Oregon					
Comb.Ex.Fancy & Fancy					
138/larger.....	-	-	1.51-1.70	-	
Comb.Ex.Fancy & Fancy					
138/163.....	-	-	1.84	-	
Comb.Ex. Fancy & Fancy					
150/175.....	-	-	1.89-1.98	-	
Newtown, Calif.					
Fancy 138/larger.....	-	-	2.07	-	
Fancy 138/163.....	-	-	2.26	1.98-2.07	
Fancy 150/175.....	2.13-2.19	2.04-2.09 a/	2.45	1.98-2.07	
PEARS	BARRELS:				
Kieffers, N.Y.					
U.S. No. 1, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch min.....	7.79-8.03 b/	-	5.94-6.13	-	
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	7.79-8.03 b/	-	6.60-6.98	-	
BASKETS:					
Kieffers, N.Y.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	2.43-2.68	-	2.64	-	
BOXES:					
Winter Melis, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 100/120.....	3.04-3.16 b/	2.65-2.75 a/	2.92-3.07	2.83-3.21 b/	
Extra Fancy 135/150.....	3.04-3.16 b/	2.84-3.03 a/	3.21-3.40	2.83-3.21 b/	
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	3.04-3.16 b/	3.03	3.30-3.40	2.83-3.21 b/	
Fancy 100/120.....	2.80-2.86 b/	-	2.92-3.02	2.83-3.21 b/	
Fancy 135/150.....	2.80-2.86 b/	-	3.30	2.83-3.21 b/	
Fancy 165/180.....	2.80-2.86 b/	-	3.21	2.83-3.21 b/	
Winter Melis, Calif.					
Fancy 100/larger.....	-	-	2.78-2.92	3.40-3.77 b/	
Fancy 100/120.....	-	-	3.07-3.21	3.40-3.77 b/	
Fancy 135/150.....	-	3.23-3.32 a/	3.35-3.49	3.40-3.77 b/	
Fancy 165/180.....	-	3.23-3.32 a/	3.41-3.54	3.40-3.77 b/	

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.  
a/ London. b/ Size not given.